

EMS TRAINING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION MANUAL

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Title: Equivalency Challenge Certification - Revised		
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- A. Virginia Licensed Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Practical Nurses, Physician Assistants, Military Corpsmen, Dentists, Chiropractors and 3rd or 4th year Medical Students may request to challenge for full certification based on their previous training and experience upon completion of the following:
1. Demonstration that the applicant meets the requirements of Sections **12VAC5-31-1450** and **12VAC5-3310-1460** as applicable for the certification level requested.
 2. Demonstration of residency or a need for certification in Virginia.
 3. Submission of copies of licensure/certificates issued by the Virginia Department of Health Professions, the respective military branch or other evidence of the course of training completed to the Office.
 4. Submission of a completed "Virginia EMS Training Program Enrollment" form. This completed form must accompany the certificate of training issued by the other agency when forwarded to the Office.
 5. Completion of the requirements of Section **T-205** and all applicable subsequent sections.
 6. Equivalency may be used only to gain a certification level when an individual does not hold current Virginia certification and the individual is no longer eligible for Reentry.
- B. Applicants for Equivalency Challenge at the EMT-Basic level must:
1. Complete the required 36-hour Recertification requirements as verified by submission of Continuing Education to the Office
 2. Receive Letter of Eligibility to Test from the Office
 3. Successful completion of the written and practical exams.
- C. Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Dentists, Chiropractors and 3rd or 4th year Medical Students, based on prior education and experience may receive Virginia endorsement to sit for the National Registry written and practical Paramedic exams upon completion of the requirements of T-640 or T-660 as applicable.

- D. The Office may also authorize other individuals holding licensure at a level deemed equivalent to those listed above to seek certification through equivalency.